

C & O Canal Boat Cabin
AL-111-B-144
Brice Hollow Road, Spring Gap

After flood damage permanently closed the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal in 1924, most of the boats were uselessly stranded in the remains of the canal. The boats gradually disappeared, due to natural deterioration or were dismantled to be used in other ways. This particular canal boat cabin was salvaged from the canal and moved two miles north to its present location near Spring Gap. It stands on stilts and is used as a toolshed. It has been covered with insulbrick siding, but retains most of its original appearance.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

C & O Canal Boat Cabin

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Brice Hollow Road

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Spring Gap

X

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY
Allegany**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ OTHER Storage

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Bartlett J. Cattrill

Telephone #:

722-2984

STREET & NUMBER

Box 322

CITY, TOWN

Spring Gap

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21560**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 357

Folio #: 368

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☒ MOVED DATE unknown

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Boat Cabin is located on the southeastern side of Brick Hollow Road near Spring Gap.

The cabin consists of a rectangular structure of vertical planks covered with insulbrick. It rests on wooden posts. The bowed roof is covered with tar paper. Eaves consist of cornice and fascia. The entrance is offset on the northeast and includes a four panel door. Four four light windows are pegged and fixed.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

There were many boats operating on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. "Five hundred and fifty-four boats moved on the waterway during the peak year of 1873". (1) The boats were large wooden structures typically "14½" feet wide, 92 feet long, drew 4½ feet of water, and could carry upwards to 120 tons of cargo ." (2) After flood damage permanently closed the canal in 1924 the boats were useless and stranded in the remains of the canal. "As the years rolled on the boats rotted or were torn apart to be used in other structures when it became evident the canal would never run again ." (3)

This canal boat cabin is located about two miles north of the canal near Spring Gap. It stands on stilts and is used as a tool shed. Although in fair condition the cabin retains its **original** appearance and serves as a reminder of a transportation system and way of life unique in Maryland.

(1) Harry Stegmaier, et al, Allegheny County- A History (Parsons, W. Va.: McClain Printing Co.) p. 212

(2) Lee D. Barron, The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal "As it is and As it Was." published by author: 1973 no page numbers

(3) Ibid

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

9.25 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Site Survey

DATE

July 10, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

3 Pershing Street

TELEPHONE

777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

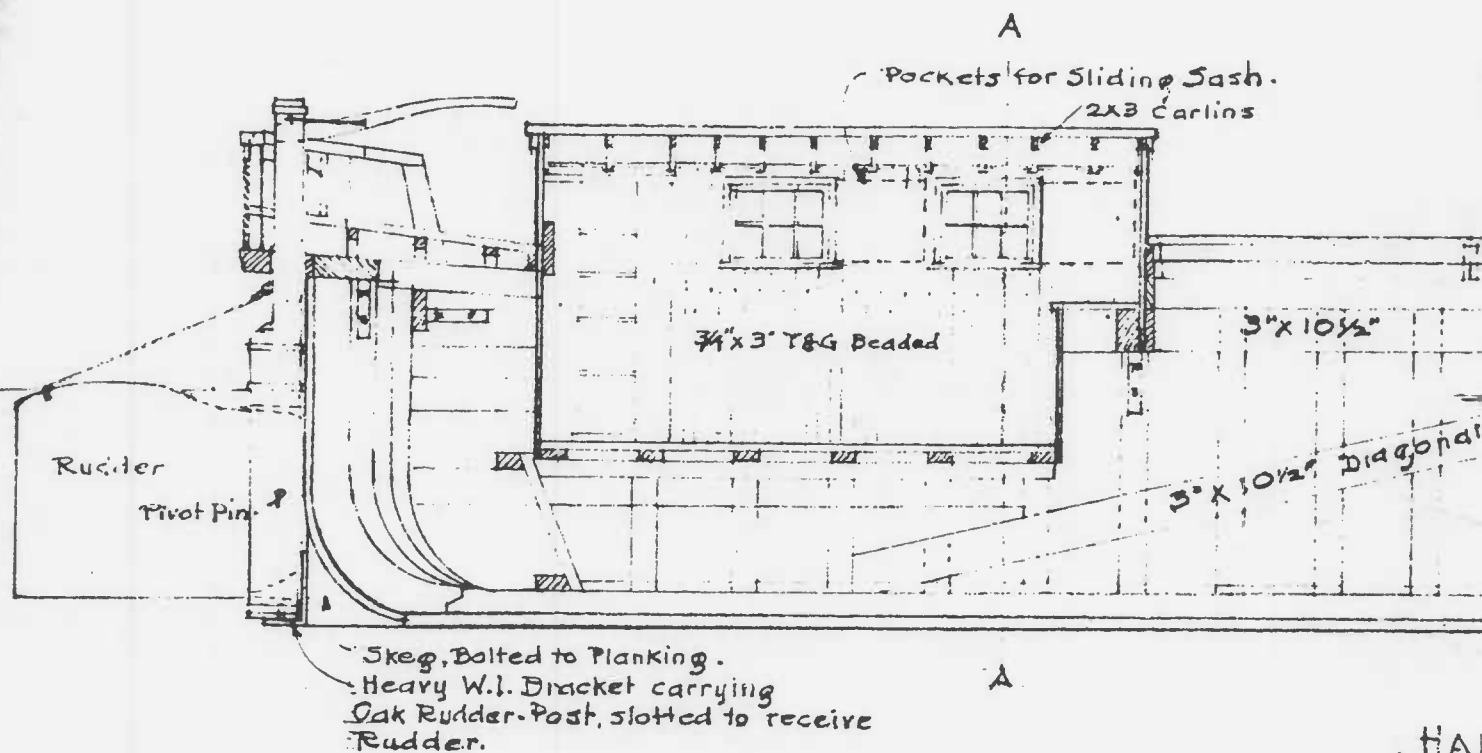
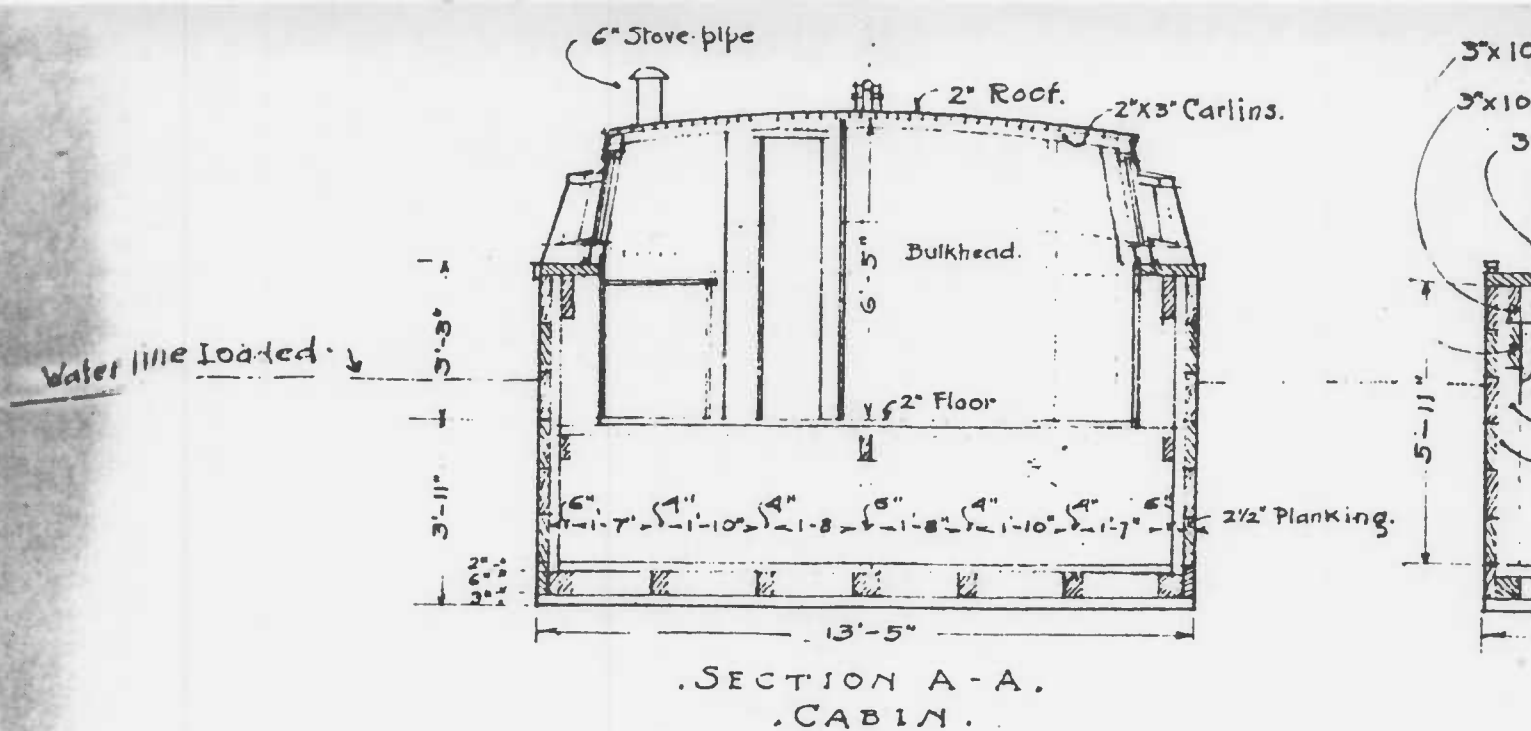
STATE

Maryland 21502

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



SCALE 1/4" = 1'

N.H. Park Service Diagram
TYPICAL CANAL Freight Barge
(#57) Hancock, Md, 1939

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2'-2" 3'-2" 12'-9 1/2"

Hinged Shutters

INVENTORY NO:

DATE:

REMODELING:

Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY:

CANAL BOAT CABIN

LOCATION OF PROPERTY:

South East side of Briarcliff Rd, Behind house

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES:

310° NW

NAME OF OWNER:

BARTLETT COTRILL + Box 302 +

ADDRESS:

Lady who sold house to owners (Mrs Bishop) told
owners it was a canal boat. ph. # 722-2984

STORIES:

1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

call Mrs. Cotrill ask about Mrs. Bishop

DWELLING SHAPE:

(square, cross, rectangular)

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WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
 () BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
 () STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
 () LOG
 (☒) OTHER: Coverings insul board

WALL FEATURES:

Belt Course, Pilasters, Others

FOUNDATIONS:

High, Low, Brick, Stone on wooden posts

WATER TABLE:

None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS:

4 - 4 light casement windows
 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
 pegged(☒) nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS:

LOCATION:

out offset NE

HARDWARE: original() replaced()

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES:

(crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original(☒) replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF:

Gable (front), Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #

MATERIAL:

wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original() replaced()

PORCHES:

SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS:

Number:

Brick() Stone() Corbeled()

original() replaced()

Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES:

Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

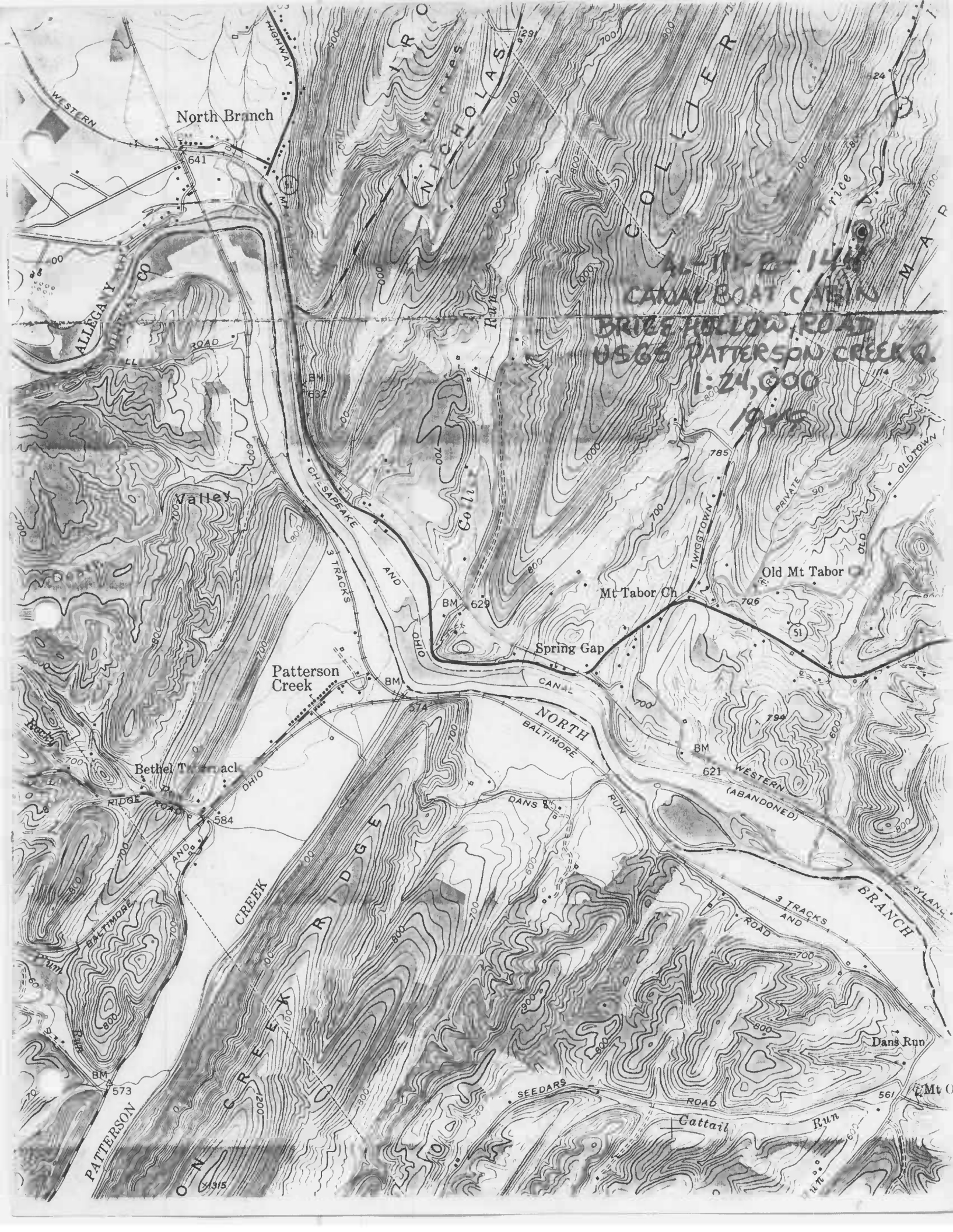
Tax Map # 51 Bartlett J. Cottrill 4357/F368 9.25 Acres

USE:

SIGNIFICANCE:

DATE CONSTRUCTED:

CONDITION:



North Branch

641

ROAD

Valley

Patterson Creek

Bethel T. Tr. acl

RIDGE

584

PATTERSON CREEK

573

515

NICHOLAS

Colli Run

BM 629

Spring Gap

CANAL

NORTH BALTIMORE

DANS RUN

SEEDARS

Cattail

Run

Dans Run

561

Mt Tabor Ch

Old Mt Tabor

785

706

BM

621

WESTERN (ABANDONED)

PRIVATE

90

OLDTOWN

OLD

PRICE

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114

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C & O CANAL BOAT CABIN
BRICE HOLLOW RD SPRING GAP

DAVID A. DORSEY

9/5/78

NORTH



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BRICE HOLLOW RD
SPRING GAP

DAVID A. DORSEY

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SOUTH